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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

1. Meetings:

The Subcommittee on Exploitation held eight regular meetings during 1957.

2. Expanded Facilities:

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3. Completion of Surveys:

Two surveys, viz., "Foreign Publications Exploitation Survey, 1957" and "Foreign Language Serial Publications Exploited by Foreign Documents Division" were completed and disseminated at the Subcommittee's request.

4. Review of Additional Needs:

The Subcommittee surveyed the needs of the IAC agencies resulting from the dissolution of Joint Press Reading Service, Moscow, and termination of the contract for "Selections From the Soviet Press." The major requirements of the IAC agencies were met by the production of the FDD report "Survey of the Soviet Press." Additional requirements were absorbed by USJPRS.

5. Reclassification of Reports:

At the request of members, the Subcommittee considered the classification of certain FDD reports from the standpoint of need for dissemination. As a result of Subcommittee recommendations, FDD made the following classification adjustments:

a. "Annual Report on Crime in the USSR" from CONFIDENTIAL to FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

b. "Weekly Information Report on Communist China" from CONFIDENTIAL to FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

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c. "Consolidated Translation Survey" from SECRET to CONFIDENTIAL.

d. "IGY" information lifted from the CONFIDENTIAL "Scientific Information Report" and reported separately under FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

6. Review of Reporting Programs:

All reporting programs of FDD and its contractual facility, USJPRS, were reviewed and in response to the resulting recommendations FDD made adjustments so far as possible to comply with the needs expressed by the Subcommittee members.

The current FDD and USJPRS periodic reports in answer to the requirements of the community are listed in Appendix A.

7. Coordination:

Throughout the year the member agencies established closer liaison and entered bilateral arrangements with FDD in the interest of coordinating the work load with existing facilities and avoiding duplication.

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[redacted] of FDD made an extensive tour of the Far East to survey the overseas exploitation facilities in the area with a view to improving coordination between them and US facilities, and between each other. [redacted] reported his findings in detail to the Subcommittee. At year end, recommendations resulting from this trip were under study by Subcommittee members. Department of State arranged with Hong Kong Press Monitoring Service for closer coordination with FDD, and Department of the Army has arranged with 500th MIG, Tokyo, to supply a coordination list of translations done by intelligence components in the Japan area to FDD on a periodic basis.

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8. Future Plans:

a. The Subcommittee plans to conduct periodic reviews of all exploitation programs during 1958, and will continue to take coordinating action for the avoidance of unnecessary duplication among exploitation activities of the intelligence community.

b. Review the developing scientific exploitation facilities of the Department of the Air Force and their coordination with existing facilities.

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c. Review the development of coordination with the new project in the Office of Technical Services, Department of Commerce, for scientific and technical exploitation of soviet publications.

d. Complete surveys under way at year end on:

(1) Chinese scientific abstracts in the "Referativnyy Zhurnal."

(2) Volume of available biographic information on significant Western World scientific personalities.

(3) Feasibility of Army or Air Force facilities in the Far East covering Japanese science.

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Attachment:
Appendix

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